

Claims

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What is claimed is:

1. A cold food server comprising:

(A) an outer container comprising:

(a) a base, formed of inner and outer surfaces between which is carried an insulating layer defining a plurality of recessed regions;

(b) sidewalls extending from a perimeter of the base, formed of vertical inner and outer surfaces between which is carried an insulating layer;

(c) a perimeter rim of an upper portion of the sidewalls defining a notch;

(d) an inner partition wall extending from the base, formed of vertical inner and outer surfaces between which is carried an insulating layer, defining a plurality of recessed regions;

(e) a peripheral lip, extending upward from the perimeter rim of an interior region sidewalls;

(f) a plurality of circular openings in the base, formed of an insulating layer;

(g) a threaded rim, extending outwardly from a perimeter of each of the circular openings;

(h) a notch in the base, extending outwardly from the threaded rim of each circular opening, defining an

annular groove around the rim;

(i) a latch affixed to the upper portion of each of the four exterior sidewalls;

(B) an outer lid carried by the outer container comprising:

(a) a flat top formed of inner and outer surfaces between which is carried an insulating material;

(b) a rectangular recessed region formed on a region of the upper surface of the flat top;

(c) a handle, supported by a cylindrical pin, affixed within a portion of the recessed region;

(d) a peripheral edge of a perimeter of the flat top;

(e) a perimeter rim and notch, defined on a lower portion of the peripheral edge of the flat top, sized to seal with the perimeter rim and notch of the outer container;

(f) a plurality of recessed regions defined on the lower surface of the flat top, sized to create a space for the inner container rims and lids;

(g) a plurality of catches formed on the peripheral edge of the flat top, sized to receive a latching mechanism;

(C) a plurality of interchangeable inner containers, carried within the outer container, comprising:

(a) a bottom, and a peripheral wall, formed of plastic or metal;

- (b) a flange, extending outwardly from an upper portion of the peripheral wall, having a peripheral rim defined on an outer region of the flange, sized to form a (c) liquid tight seal with the peripheral lip of an interior compartment, of the outer container;
 - (d) an upper end of the inner container body, having a peripheral rim;
 - (e) a lid, formed of plastic, having a peripheral edge sized to form a liquid tight seal with the peripheral rim;
- (D) a plurality of circular shaped lids carried by the outer container comprising:
- (a) a flat lid formed of inner and outer surfaces between which is carried an insulating layer;
 - (b) a peripheral rim defining a plurality of concave shaped finger grips;
 - (c) a threaded region defined on an inner portion of the peripheral rim, sized to form a liquid tight seal with a threaded lip on the base of the outer container;
 - (d) a bisected, concave region defining a handle;
 - (e) an "O" ring formed of a flexible material.

[c2] 1. The cold food server of claim 1 wherein said upper portion of the interior compartment sidewalls having a peripheral

groove, and wherein said plurality of interchangeable inner containers having a flange, extending outwardly from an upper portion of the peripheral wall, having a peripheral rim defined on an outer region of the flange sized to form a liquid tight seal with the groove in the peripheral rim of an interior compartment

[c3] 1. The cold food server of claim 1 wherein said outer container having a single inner compartment, and wherein said outer container having a single inner container comprising:

- (a) a bottom, and a peripheral wall, formed of plastic or metal;
- (b) a flange, extending outwardly from an upper portion of the peripheral wall, having a peripheral rim defined on an outer region of the flange, sized to form a liquid tight seal with the peripheral lip of an interior compartment, of the outer container;
- (c) an upper end of the inner container body, having a peripheral rim;
- (d) a lid, formed of plastic, having a peripheral edge sized to form a liquid tight seal with the peripheral rim;

[c4] 1. The cold food server of claim 3 wherein said upper portion of the interior compartment sidewalls, having a peripheral groove, and wherein said inner container, having a flange extending outwardly from an upper portion of the peripheral

wall, having a peripheral lip defined on an outer region of the flange, sized to form a liquid tight seal with a groove in the peripheral rim of an interior compartment.